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SCENE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please CANCEL claims 1-25 without prejudice or disclaimer thereof.

Please ADD the following new claims:

--26. An audio conferencing method comprising:
receiving audio data from a source audio client;
attenuating the received audio data based on audio decay characteristics to simulate a
distance between the source audio client and a target audio client; and
delivering the attenuated audio data to the target audio client.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the target audio client is the same as the source
audio client.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the target audio client is different than the
source audio client.

29. The method of claim 28, further comprising delivering the attenuated data to the
source audio client.

30. The method of claim 26, wherein the source and target audio clients are displayed
as points on a viewing screen from which sound appears to emanate.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein the source audio client comprises a point source
audio (PSA) client that originates from stored audio data.

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